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**Committee on Natural Resources with
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform**

2167 Rayburn House Office Building

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Joint Oversight Hearing on

“EPA’s Animas Spill”

Questions from Rep. Newhouse for Gina McCarthy, EPA, Administrator

1. Who was EPA’s “On Scene Coordinator” at the Gold King mine on August 5th when the spill was triggered and what was the role of that official on site?

Response: The EPA OSC on site on August 5th was --Hays Griswold. The OSC role, as stated in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (the NCP), the on-scene coordinator (OSC) directs response efforts and coordinates all other efforts at the scene of a release. The section of the NCP on response operations (40 CFR 300.135) lays out in more detail what the OSC does.

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